

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed June 8, 2004 has been reviewed and the comments of the Patent and Trademark Office have been considered. Claims 1-13 were pending in the application. Claims 1, 6, and 10-13 have been amended, claim 9 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and no claims have been added. Therefore, claims 1-8 and 10-13 are pending in the application and are submitted for reconsideration.

This amendment changes and deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, are presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Applicants thank the examiner for indicating that claims 9-12 contain allowable subject matter. Accordingly, applicants have included the subject matter of claim 9 in independent claim 6 and independent claims 1 and 13 have also been similarly amended. Accordingly, each of the independent claims 1, 6, and 13 are now believed to be condition for allowance in accordance with the indication in the office action.

In the Office Action, claims 1-8 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. patent 5,495,561 to Holt (hereafter "Holt"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the following reasons. As discussed above, the independent claims 6 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 9 which has been indicated as being as being allowable. Furthermore, independent claims 1 and 13 have been amended to include similar to that indicated as being allowable with respect to claim 9.. Therefore, all of the pending independent claims are now in condition for allowance in accordance with the indication in the office action and the applied rejection has been overcome.

The dependent claims are also in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons as the independent claims on which they ultimately depend. In addition, they recite additional patentable features when considered as a whole.

In view of the above, applicants believe that the application is now in condition for allowance. An indication of the same is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding the application, or if an examiner's amendment would facilitate the allowance of

one or more of the claims, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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